GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
LOK SABHA

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TOURISM DESTINATIONS
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the countries from where the largest number of foreigners visit our country;

(b) whether the Government has identified monsoon and winter tourism destinations in the country during the last three years; and

(c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (KUMARI SELJA)

(a): The top 10 countries in terms of Foreign Tourist Arrivals (FTAs) in India during 2007 are USA, UK, Bangladesh, Canada, France, Sri Lanka, Germany, Japan, Australia and Malaysia.

(b) and (c): Development and promotion of tourism destinations is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments /Union Territory Administrations.However, the Ministry of Tourism extends Central Financial Assistance (CFA) to State Governments/ Union Territory Administrations for tourism projects, including monsoon and winter tourism destinations, under the scheme of Product/Infrastructure Development for Destinations and Circuits on the basis of proposals received from them which are complete in all respect as per the scheme guidelines, inter-se priority and subject to availability of funds.

The number of projects and amount sanctioned to State Governments/ Union Territory Administrations by the Ministry of Tourism for development of tourism during the last three years are given in the Annexure.